

**our efforts together, doing your son's great work here and around the world.
Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

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Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU 232 all verses

[previously recorded May 3, 2020 with hymn leader Hannah Haworth]

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Learning with Children

Keely Melville

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Readings

Scripture reading: Acts 8: 26-40

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Scripture reading: Psalm 22: 25-31 & John 15: 1-8

Helen Campbell

Special Music: And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears (Rev. 21:4) (Eleanor Daley)
Girls' Choir Video (2015)

Message: Vines

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Hymn: I Danced in the Morning

VU 352 verses 1, 4, 5

[previously recorded on May 17, 2020 with hymn leader Richard Yake]

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

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O God, accept these our gifts of treasure given toward the Body of Christ and for the continuance of His ministry. We offer ourselves as well toward to the mission of Jesus and the betterment of the God's children on earth. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Lord, we worship you today understanding that we are responsible to each other. We human beings have created differences between us which have led to friction in your human family. These frictions have morphed into racism and elitism which has held the human family impotent in moving forward with love and community. Help us see ourselves as a human family regardless of skin colour, religion, wealth or language. Give us the courage to accept each other despite the learnings of differences between us. Remind us that we are all part of the human vine described by your servant John the Apostle. Make us instruments of your peace and love in this inordinate world.

We pray today that the light at the end of the Corona virus tunnel is getting brighter. We are weary of the confinement needed to stop its spread. We pray that our political leaders will put life ahead of profit. We pray that our political leaders will not override the advice of qualified medical advisors and cave into business pressure that reflect a different agenda other than getting the virus under control. We can all be safe if we make the virus our number one priority. We are also weary of those folks who consider the social distancing and mask wearing to be unnecessary. O God, please remind those religious leaders, who operate outside the safety of society, that the well being of all is more important than their personal resentment toward authority.

We are now in the beginning stages of advertising for a new minister. Please bless our committee with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Help us to have the flexibility to change the way we have always done things to reflect the needs and knowledge and insight of a new spiritual leader. Give us the courage to see new possibilities of Christ's mission in our community and the world around us. Help us treasure our past and have the daring to face the future with confidence in the needs of the 21st century. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

VU 586 verses 1 & 2

[previously recorded on September 6, 2020 with hymn leader Christian Haworth]

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;

we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Commissioning & Benediction

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Let us leave this place today with renewed passion for the work of the Lord through
his son Jesus of Nazareth.

Response (in unison)

VU 298

[previously recorded on September 6, 2020 with hymn leader Christian Haworth]

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Prelude in C Major (Krebs)

Karen Schuessler

[previously recorded on April 26, 2020]

WK Coffee Time: Stay tuned to find out who Glen or Jane speaks with this week!